lakhs at the end of next year. I have already explained to the House how, with the use of charcoal gas for propelling the buses and with the opening of more lines next year, the scheme is expected to bring in substantial receipts.

Clay Refining and Porcelain Factory.

37. With a provision of Rs 1·34 lakhs for Ceramic works in the budget for the ensuing year, the total capital expenditure on the Factory as at the end of next year would be Rs 11·06 lakhs. The proposal to increase the productive capacity of the Factory with a view to enable the large orders already in hand being satisfactorily met, has already been adverted to. When the Factory is working in full swing, it is expected to yield a good profit.

Town Improvement Schemes.

38. The construction of the buildings opposite to the Government Museum for accommodating Public Offices has been completed during the year. The buildings have already been occupied and as a result there is a saving of over Rs 10,000 per year under rents on buildings hired for Public Offices.

A provision of Rs 1·53 lakhs has been included in the next year's budget for further improvements.

Water Supply Schemes.

39. This includes works for the supply of good drinking water to Shencottah, Nagercoil, Kuttanad, Sherthallai, Muttam, Kottayam, Kumarakam and Bhoothapandy as also for the extension of the existing Water-Supply at Trivandrum and Alleppey. As the members are well aware, the Alleppey Water Works have just been completed and water begun to be supplied. There remain only a few minor items of work for which provision has been made in the next year's budget. The water supply schemes for Shencottah and Nagercoil are nearing completion and it is hoped that before the close of the next year these two places will also be served with good drinking water. The other works are proposed to be taken up next year.

The maintenance of the Alleppey and Shencottah Water Works has to be undertaken by the Municipalities of those places in accordance with the agreement entered into between the Municipalities and Government.

Trivandrum Electric Supply.

40. The capital expenditure on this undertaking at the end of the current year is expected to stand at Rs 11·38 lakhs. There has been satisfactory progress both in generation and revenue during the

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year. The current year's receipts are expected to be Rs 2·96 lakhs as against Rs 2·43 lakhs during 1115. This increase is mainly due to the increase in the number of private consumers and the re-starting of the Rubber Factory. The receipts for the next year are estimated at Rs 3·08 lakhs and the working expenses at Rs 2·02 lakhs.

A programme of capital works involving an outlay of Rs 50,000 is included in the next year's budget, primarily for the extension of supply to the various parts of the City in order to cater to the needs of the increasing number of consumers.

PALLIVASAL HYDRO-ELECTRIC SCHEME.

41. The capital expenditure on the scheme at the end of the current year is expected to be Rs 152·96 lakhs and that at the end of the next year to be Rs 178·83 lakhs. There is an increase in demand for the supply of energy especially for industrial and agricultural purposes. The working of the scheme is expected to bring in a net receipt of over Rs 6 lakhs for the next year as against Rs 1·92 lakhs this year. A large portion of the work for the extension of supply to the Kuttanad Punja fields has been completed. But only a restricted area has been actually brought under supply on account of the shortage of equipment. It is hoped the works would be completed before the close of the next year. The House has already been told about the possibilities of increasing the production of paddy in the State by means of lift irrigation scheme in the Kunnathunad taluk.

The next year's programme of works under the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Scheme includes the installation of transformers and switch gears at Pallivasal and Alwaye for the supply of energy to the Aluminium Production Company. With the working of the Factory in full swing and with the increasing demand for energy and the contemplated bulk sale of energy to certain licensees, the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Scheme is sure to yield a substantial revenue to Government. It is hoped that the proposed sale of energy to the Cochin Government will also increase our revenue from this scheme considerably.

TRUNK TELEPHONE SCHEME.

42. Early this year the Trivandrum Telephone Exchange which was till then treated as a separate unit in itself was merged with the Travancore Trunk Telephone system. The capital expenditure on the Trunk Telephone system at the end of the current year is expected to stand at Rs 11·00 lakhs and that at the end of next year at Rs 13·00 lakhs. There are at present 4 exchanges and 26 public call offices besides 560 services in the Telephone System and it is expected that there will be an addition of at least 140 subscribers during the next year. The

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